

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #178 Here's Mud In Your Eye

May 26, 2025

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

May 31 & June 1, 2025

Blessed Be Your Name

Welcome

My Jesus

At Your Name

Lord's Supper Thought

Great Are You, Lord

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#178 - Here's Mud in Your Eye - Pastor Ed



## Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs** - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place. You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.

[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➡ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➡ Bible Study Tuesday
- ➡ Thrive Thursday
- ➡ Potluck Sunday the 8th - bring sides!

#### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Father's Day Slideshow:** Help us celebrate our dads. Send in three pics of the dads in your life to [eagleriverside@gmail.com](mailto:eagleriverside@gmail.com) with the subject: Father's Day 2025. Photos are due by June 13th.

**Adopt a flower barrel-** Brighten up the church by planting and tending to a flower barrel all summer. See Ed for details.

**Save the date for VBS** - July 7-10. Wanna help? See Janet or Aniela.

**Bible Study** - Meeting Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid-week with Jesus! All are welcome.

**Community Group** - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family! Contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, June 14th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - June 8th after the 2nd service. Bring a side dish.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



**Riverside App** - Did you know Riverside has its own app? Download here.



**Feed the Teens:** Sign up to make a meal or donate cash for pizza. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, June 2nd 19th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional. For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Cassie.



**Thursday, June 5th, 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

*Following*  
**The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #178**

**Here's Mud In Your Eye(s)**



*As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.*

—John 9:1 (NLT)

## **This Story Teaches Us To...**

### **1. Break Through Either/Or Thinking.**

- *His followers asked him, “Teacher, whose sin caused this man to be born blind- his own sin or his parents’ sin?*

—John 9:2 (NCV)

- *Jesus said, “You’re asking the wrong question. You’re looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause- effect here. Look instead for what God can do.*

—John 9:3 (MES)

- *In this world you will have trouble, but be brave! I have defeated the world.”*

—John 16:33 (NCV)

### **2. Follow Jesus’ Directions.**

- *“But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.” Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes.*

—John 9:5-6 (NLT)

- *Then he told the man, “Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam.”... So the man went, washed, and came back seeing.*

—John 9:7 (NCV)

### **3. Look Beyond What Others Won’t See.**

- *His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said he was, and others said, “No, he just looks like him!” But the beggar*

*kept saying, "Yes, I am the same one!"*

—John 9:8-9 (NCV)

- *The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents.*

—John 9:18 (NLT)

- *"I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!"*

—John 9:25 (NLT)

#### **4. Put Your Trust In Jesus.**

- *Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and went and found him. He asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man said, "Point him out to me, sir, so that I can believe in him." Jesus said, "You're looking right at him. Don't you recognize my voice?" "Master, I believe," the man said, and worshiped him.*

—John 9:35-38 (NLT)

- *Jesus then said, "I came into the world to bring everything into the clear light of day, making all the distinctions clear, so that those who have never seen will see, and those who have made a great pretense of seeing will be exposed as blind."*

—John 9:39 (MES)

#### **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on what you'd like to be able to see in your own life. What would you ask Jesus to help you be able to finally see in your life?**